

Education



No Child Left Behind?

- The bipartisan No Child Left Behind education bill is underfunded by \$7.8 billion
- More than 2 million children will be denied help with the basics of reading and math
- More than one million children will be left out of after school programs
- Head Start now serves just 60 percent of eligible pre-schoolers
- College tuition is up 14 percent nationwide



Investing in our Future

- Fully fund No Child Left Behind Act
- Improve teacher training, parental involvement, after school programs, and focus on the basics
- Fully fund Head Start for preschoolers and IDEA to help disabled students
- Make college more affordable by expanding access to grants and loans and by providing incentives to keep college tuition low



Republicans' Broken Promises to Parents and Children

While Republicans say they can provide:

- \$125 billion in dividend tax cuts for the wealthy

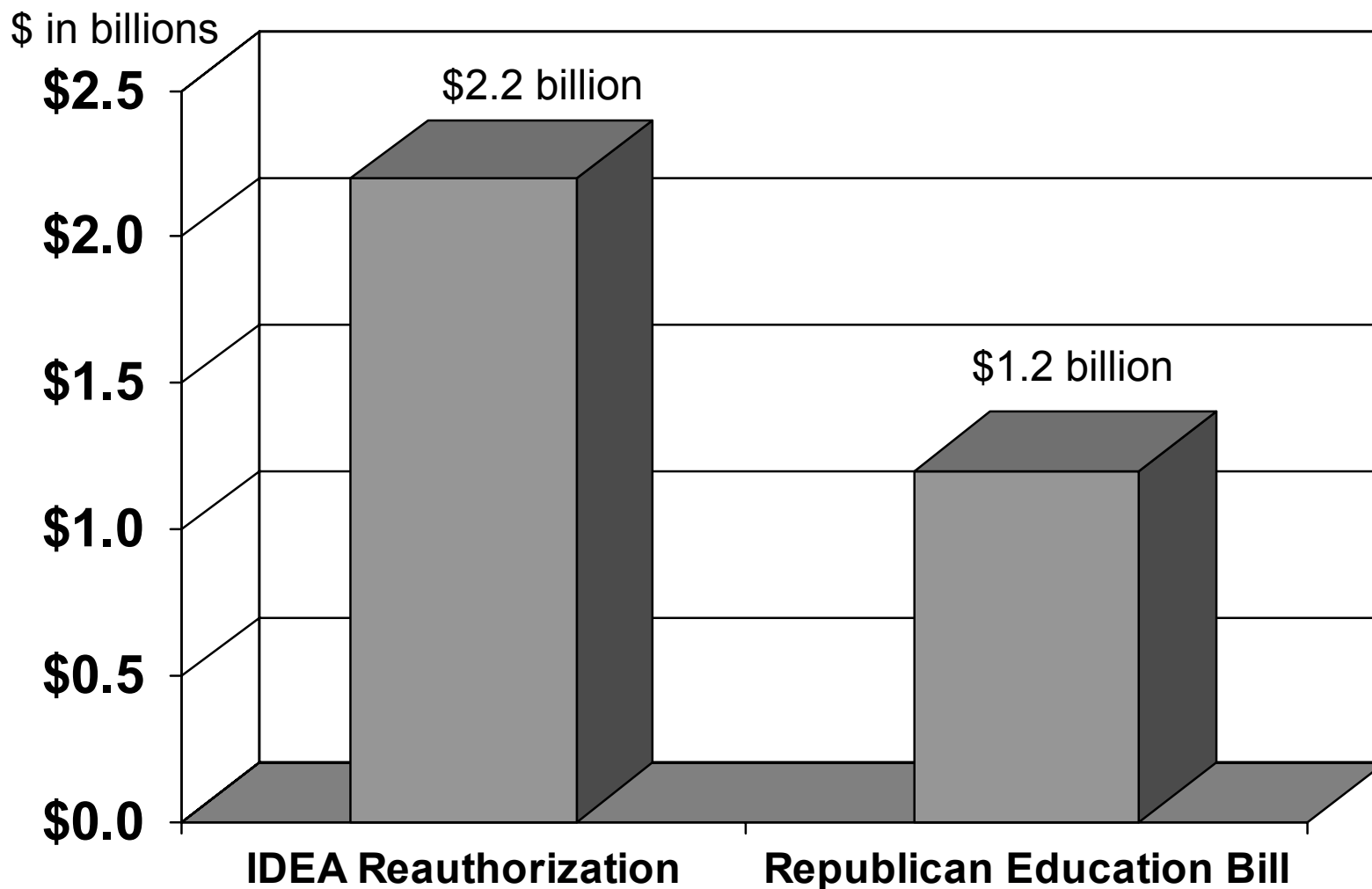
Republicans say they can't provide:

- Reading and math help for two million children
- After school programs for one million children
- Teacher training programs for 54,000 teachers



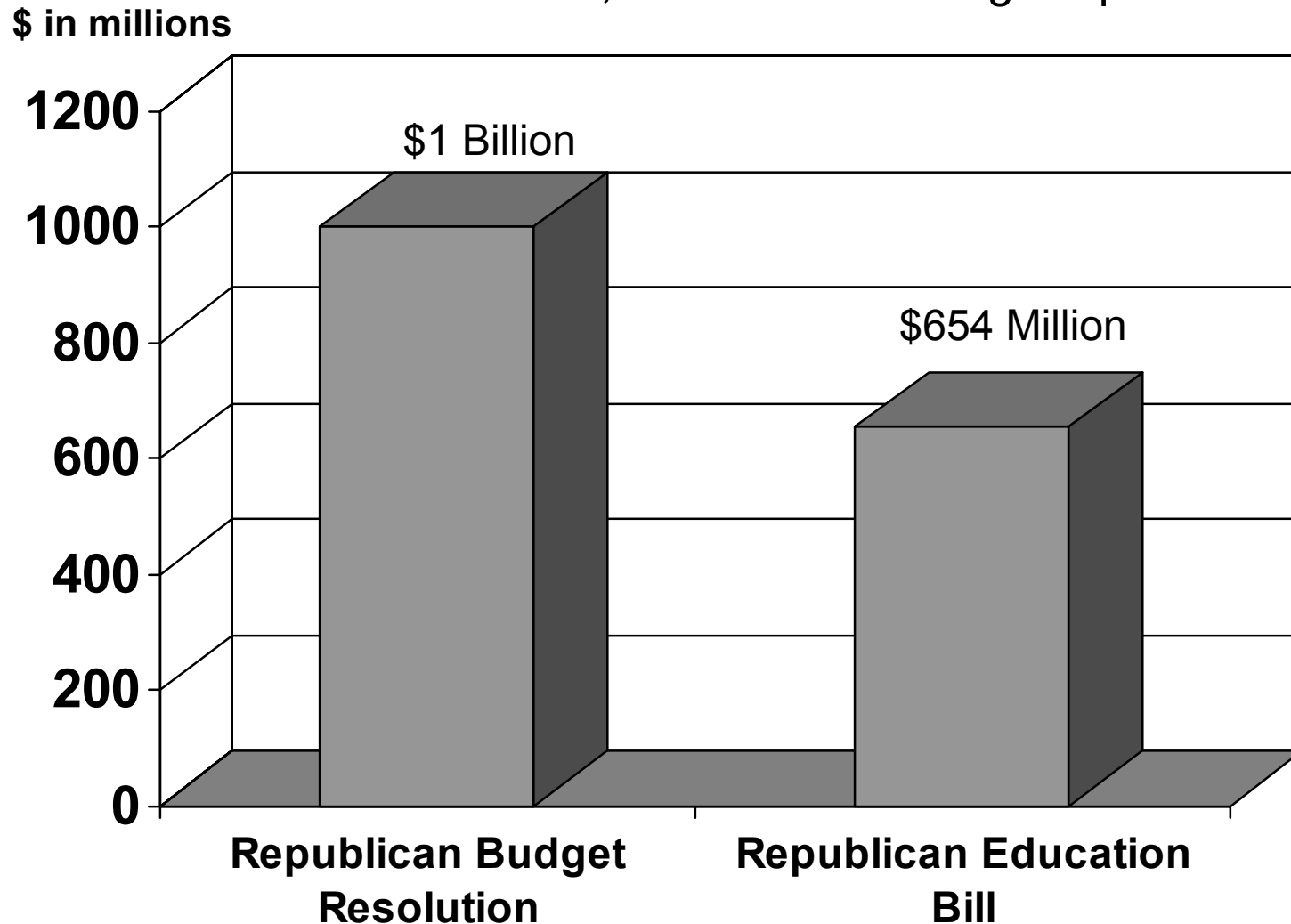
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FY 2004 Republican Education Bill Falls Short on Increases for IDEA
Disabled Children Shortchanged

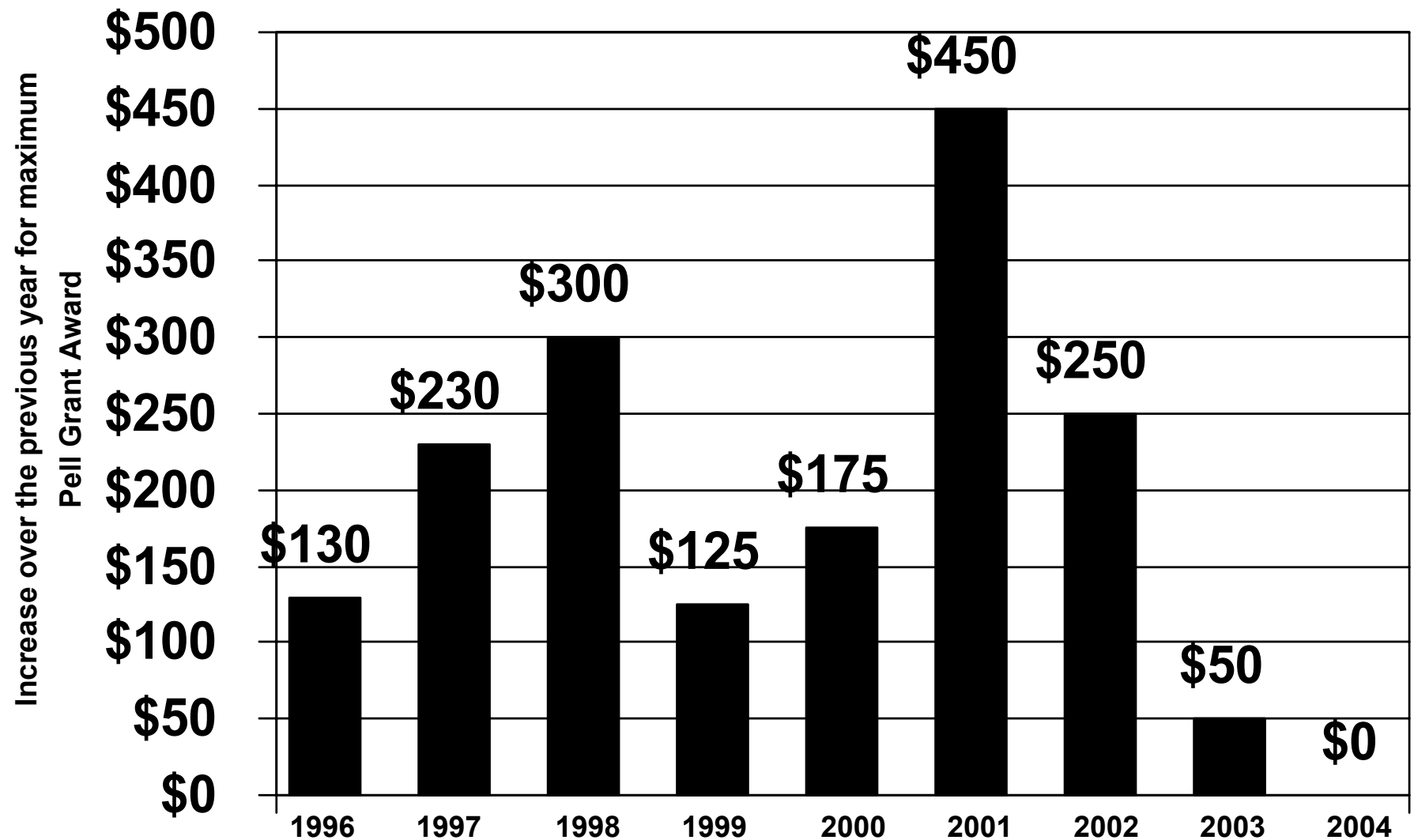


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FY 2004 Republican Education Bill Falls Short on Increases Over Current Level for Title I, Math and Reading Help



Republican Education Bill Provides ZERO College Pell Grant Increase for 2004



Source: House Appropriations Committee, Democratic Staff

What the Experts are Saying

“[T]he proposed funding levels in President Bush’s Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request are unacceptably low ... The budget request is especially inadequate in light of the immediate crisis in education resources at the state level, the escalating costs of standards and accountability requirements on elementary and secondary schools, and the explosion of enrollments of needy postsecondary students.”

--Committee for Education Funding, February 2003



What the Experts are Saying

“The modest increase in the President's budget does not disguise the fact that it eliminates vital programs, promotes a risky voucher program and ignores the dire fiscal crisis communities are facing. The programs that are on the chopping block are those programs that will ensure accountability and high standards - training of quality teachers and providing safe and supportive after-school environments. This budget would effectively eliminate the school-wide reform program touted by the No Child Left Behind Act, which the President himself signed into law last year.”

--National Education Association, February 3, 2003

